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In re Application of :
Brunheroto et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/602,278 :
Filed: 23 June, 2000 :
Atty Docket BC999047/1455P :

This is a decision on the petition filed on 18 August, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.137(b), ¹ to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned on 29 June, 2006, for failure to timely and properly reply to the Decision on Appeal mailed on 28 April, 2006, which affirmed the examiner's rejection, which set a two (2) month period for reply. Notice of Abandonment was mailed on 10 July, 2006.

Petitioner has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an amendment as the required reply under 37 CFR 1.114.

¹ Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continuing examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application, abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

The application is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2623 for further processing.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at 571.272.3231.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Wood", is positioned above the typed name.

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